GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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PASSENGERS REVENUE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the passengers revenue in terms of earnings per passenger kilometer remained static as compared to previous year for Suburban (all classes) and Sleeper Class (Mail/ExpressTrains);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to improve the earnings in terms of earning per passenger kilometer on all classes both in Mail/Express and Ordinary trains

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) Yes, Sir. It is correct that average earning per passenger per kilometre remained same for Suburban (all classes) as well as Sleeper Class (Mail/Express) during the years 1999-2000 and 2000-01.

(b) Normally, average earning per passenger per kilometre for a class increases with increase in fares. Since, the passenger fares were not increased in the year 2000-01, the average earning per passenger per kilometre remained static.

(c) As per the Railway Budget 2002-03, fare structures for both Mail/Express and ordinary trains including suburban services have been rationalised w.e.f. 1.4.2002 which may improve the earnings per passenger per kilometre.